

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2005. Non-elected claim 8 has been canceled, without prejudice in view of the Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-7 are now pending.

No art rejections have been made.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph, on page 2 of the Office Action. It is believed that the changes to claim 1 herein address and overcome any potential issue in this respect. Moreover, it is pointed out that claim language “one exposure mask pattern having a width of an aperture pattern of the one exposure mask smaller than a width of a light-shielding pattern of the one exposure mask,the multiple exposure mask pattern has a pattern pitch that is the same as that of the claim language one exposure mask pattern and has a width of the aperture pattern of the multiple exposure mask pattern that is greater than a width of the light-shielding pattern of the multiple exposure mask pattern” is clearly supported by the originally filed specification. E.g., see the originally filed specification at page 6, lines 1-9; page 8, lines 21-25; page 9, lines 1-4; page 17, lines 4-11; page 17, lines 12-19; and page 24, lines 1-10.

Claims 1-7 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, on page 3 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the claim changes herein address and resolve any potential issue in this respect.

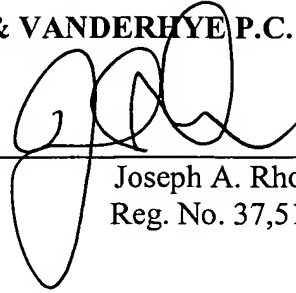
It is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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